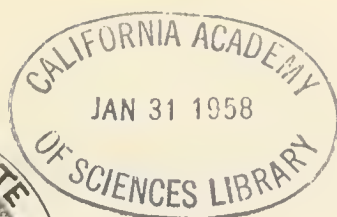


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DECEMBER TRIP TO CONN LAKE

A 21 car caravan from the Golden Gate and Mt. Diablo Audubon Societies enjoyed a beautiful day along with wonderful birding on December 8th in the Conn Lake area.

The highlight was a huge number of Wood Ducks seen on a bay near the north shore of the reservoir. An estimate of over 400 was agreed to by Harry Adamson. A few of us had previously seen as many as 10 in one day.

Large numbers of Band-tailed Pigeons, several Lewis' Woodpeckers and two Rock Wrens were also seen.

The following 87 species were seen: Common Loon; Horned, Eared, Western and Pied-billed Grebe; Cormorant; Great Blue Heron; Black-crowned Night Heron; Bittern; Whistling Swan; Canada Goose; White-fronted and Snow Goose; Mallard, Gadwall and Pintail Duck; Green-winged Teal; Shoveler; American Widgeon; Wood and Redhead Duck; Ring-necked and Canvasback Duck; Lesser Scaup; Bufflehead; Ruddy Duck; Hooded and Common Merganser; Turkey Vulture; Sharp-shinned, Cooper's, Red-tailed, Red-shouldered Hawk; Marsh Hawk; Am. Kestrel (Sparrow Hawk); California Quail; Ring-necked Pheasant; American Coot; Killdeer; California and Ring-billed Gull; Band-tailed Pigeon; Mourning Dove; Anna's Hummingbird; Belted Kingfisher; Red-shafted Flicker; Acorn and Lewis' Woodpecker; Nuttall's Woodpeckers; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker; Black and Say's Phoebe; Tree Swallow; Steller's and Scrub Jay; Crow; Titmouse; Bushtit; White-breasted Nuthatch; Creeper; Wrentit; Bewick's and Rock Wren; Robin; Varied and Hermit Thrush; Western Bluebird; Ruby-crowned Kinglet; Water Pipit; Cedar Waxwing; Loggerhead Shrike; Audubon's Warbler; House Sparrow; Western Meadowlark; Red-winged Blackbird; Brewer's Blackbird; Purple and House Finch; American and Lesser Goldfinch; Rufous-sided and Brown Towhee; Lark Sparrow; Oregon Junco; White-crowned, Golden-crowned and Song Sparrow.

—CARLYLE SATHER, *Leader and Historian*.

SAN FRANCISCO CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

December 22, 1957. Clear, sunny, wind six miles per hour, northerly, temperature 48 to 52°. Areas covered: Marina and Fine Arts; McLaren Park and Bayshore; Land's End and Lincoln Park; Golden Gate Park; Lake Merced and Fleishhaker; Twin Peaks and Stern Grove, City College and Laguna Honda Home; Seal Rocks and Ocean Beach; Presidio; San Francisco Waterfront—wharves and bay; Yerba Buena and Treasure Islands; smaller city parks; Marin shoreline of Golden Gate.

Species	Totals	Species	Totals
LOON, Common	3	SANDPIPER, Spotted	1
Arctic	6	TATTLER, Wanderling	4
Red-throated	31	Willet	86
GREBE, Red-throated (Holboell's)	1	SANDPIPER, Western	200
Horned	29	GODWIT, Marbled	6
Eared	37	Sanderling	617
Western	1239	AVOCET, American	9
Pied-billed	78	GULL, Glaucous-winged	259
PELICAN, White	30	Western	545
Brown	16	Herring	85
CORMORANT, Double-cr.	255	California	1710
Brandt's	191	Ring-billed	461
Pelagic (Baird's)	59	Mew (Short-billed)	1311
HERON, Great Blue	4	Bonaparte's	60
EGRET, Common (American)	1	Heermann's	25
Snowy	1	Unidentified	790
HERON, Green	1	MURRE, Common (California)	4
Black-crowned Night	2	MURRELET, Ancient	1
SWAN, Whistling	1	PIGEON, Band-tailed	100
MALLARD	666	DOVE, Mourning	140
WIDGEON, American	673	OWL, Great (Horned)	1
Pintail	26	HUMMINGBIRD, Anna's	138
TEAL, Green-winged	1	Allen's	1
Shoveler	22	KINGFISHER, Belted	2
Redhead	1	FLICKER, Red-shafted	97
DUCK, Ring-necked	2	WOODPECKER, Acorn (California)	3
Canvasback	63	SAPSUCKER, Yellow-bellied	4
SCAUP, Greater	80	WOODPECKER, Downy	10
Lesser	46	PHOEBE, Black	34
Bufflehead	2	Say's	1
GOLDENEYE, Common	3	LARK, Horned	8
Oldsquaw	2	JAY, Scrub (California)	11
SCOTER, White-winged	11	RAVEN, Common (American)	6
Surf	142	CHICKADEE, Chestnut-backed	90
DUCK, Ruddy	420	BUSHTIT, Common	123
MERGANSER, Red-breasted	5	NUTHATCH, Redbreasted	32
Identified ducks	100	CREEPER, Brown	11
HAWK, Sharp-shinned	1	Wrentit	1
Cooper's	2	WREN, Winter	8
Red-tailed	9	Bewick's	6
Red-shouldered	1	Long-billed Marsh	2
Kestrel, Am. (Sparrow Hawk)	26	Mockingbird	1
QUAIL, California	173	ROBIN, (Western)	859
GALLINULE, Common (Florida)	1	THRUSH, Varied	30
COOT, American	1127	Hermit	60
Killdeer	111	BLUEBIRD, Western	2
TURNSTONE, Ruddy	2	KINGLET, Ruby-crowned	77
Black	16	PIPIT, Water (American)	103

Species	Totals	Species	Totals
WAXWING, Cedar	14	FINCH, Purple	2
SHRIKE, Loggerhead (California)	6	House	526
VIREO, Hutton's	10	SISKIN, Pine	44
WARBLER, Myrtle	2	GOLDFINCH, Lesser	3
Audubon's	202	TOWHEE, Rufous-sided (Spotted)	29
Townsend's	3	JUNCO, Oregon	423
Yellowthroat	12	SPARROW, White-crowned	794
SPARROW, House	602	Golden-crowned	117
MEADOWLARK, Western	153	White-throated	1
BLACKBIRD, Brewer's	1037	Fox	152
		Song	73

GRAND TOTALS: Individuals, 18,059; Species, 114; Observers, 38; miles by car, 121; miles on foot, 32; hours by car, 38; hours on foot, 75.

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—ARTHUR H MYER, *Compiler*

OAKLAND CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

December 29, 1957. Although much of the area was blanketed in dense fog for all or most of the day, 86,511 birds representing 135 species were unable to escape being seen, or heard by 61 intent observers.

Species	Totals	Species	Totals
LOON, Red-throated	6	GOLDENEYE, Common	146
GREBE, Red-necked	1	Bufflehead	64
Horned	37	SCOTER, White-winged	39
Eared	108	Surf	316
Western	44	DUCK, Ruddy	2758
Pied-billed	73	MERGANSER, Hooded	8
PELICAN, White	12	Common	9
CORMORANT, Double-cr.	122	Red-breasted	20
Brandt's	4	HAWK, Sharp-shinned	3
HERON, Great Blue	12	Cooper's	2
EGRET, Common	91	Red-tailed	17
Snowy	48	KESTREL, American	58
HERON, Green A.C.*	1	QUAIL, California	238
Black-crowned Night	38	RAIL, Clapper	1
GOOSE, Canada	82	Virginia	2
Mallard	252	COOT, American	1865
Pintail	340	PLOVER, Semipalmated	6
TEAL, Green-winged	71	Snowy	34
Shoveler	65	Kildeer	192
WIDGEON, American	720	PLOVER, Black-bellied	775
Redhead	3	TURNSTONE, Ruddy	5
DUCK, Ring-necked	63	Black	15
Canvasback	28623	CURLEW, Long-billed	28
SCAUP, Greater 7225 SP?	6	Whimbrel	7
Lesser	13	SANDPIPER, Spotted	3

Species	Totals	Species	Totals
Willet	1411	CREEPER, Brown	2
YELLOWLEGS, Greater	16	Wrentit	97
SANDPIPER, Least	575	WREN, Winter	4
Dunlin	4209	Bewick's	23
DOWITCHER SP?	344	Mockingbird	23
SANDPIPER, Western	4566	THRASHER, California	14
GODWIT, Marbled	565	ROBIN	20054
Sanderling	689	THRUSH, Varied	308
AVOCET, American	1491	Hermit	126
GULL, Glaucous-winged	1908	BLUEBIRD, Western	53
Western	254	KINGLET, Ruby-crowned	56
Herring	12	PIPIT, Water	186
California	379	WAXWING, Cedar	500
Ring-billed	512	SHRIKE, Loggerhead	22
Mew	339	WARBLER, Myrtle	4
Bonaparte's	397	Audubon's	99
TERN, Forster's	68	Townsend's	1
PIGEON, Band-tailed	41	SPARROW, House	1324
DOVE, Mourning	245	MEADOWLARK, Western	380
OWL, Barn	7	BLACKBIRD, Redwinged	465
Screech	2	BLACKBIRD, Brewer's	565
Great Horned	12	COWBIRD, Brown-headed	12
Burrowing	1	TANAGER, Western, Mrs. G.H. *	1
Short-eared	3	FINCH, Purple	34
Saw-whet AC *	3	House	1387
HUMMINGBIRD, Anna's	84	SISKIN, Pine	297
KINGFISHER, Belted	3	GOLDFINCH, American	8
FLICKER, Red-shafted	184	Lesser	154
WOODPECKER, Acorn	34	TOWHEE, Rufous-sided	81
SAPSUCKER, Yellow-bellied	10	Brown	441
WOODPECKER, Hairy	3	SPARROW, Savannah	74
Downy	10	Lark	4
Nuttall's	13	Rufous-crowned	2
Phoebe, Black	11	JUNCO, Oregon	1274
Say's	1	SPARROW, White-crowned	1024
LARK, Horned	34	Golden-crowned	383
JAY, Steller's	102	White-throated	3
Scrub	293	Fox	60
MAGPIE, Yellow-billed	1	Lincoln's	3
CROW, Common	5	Song	83
CHICKADEE, Chestnut-backed	92	Unidentified Ducks	3000
TITMOUSE, Plain	101	Unidentified Gulls	2000
BUSHTIT, Common	356	Slate-colored Juncos (12-28)	2
NUTHATCH, White-breasted	23	Turkey Vulture (12-24)	1
Red-breasted	25		

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LEE STALLCUP, *Compiler*

FEBRUARY MEETING

The 484th regular meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Society will be held, Thursday, February 13, at 7:30 p.m., in the Assembly Room of the Main Library in San Francisco, Larkin Street at McAllister. *Take No. 5 bus on Market Street.*

Our speaker will be Carol Green Wilson, (Mrs. George O. Wilson), popular lecturer, author and photographer. Mrs. Wilson has just returned from a trip around the world. From her many pictures she is selecting a special group for Audubon—plants, gardens, animals. She is the author of "Gump's Treasure House" and "Alice Eastwood's Wonderland". A most interesting evening is assured. Come and bring a friend.

—BONNIE SMITH, *Program Chairman*

NOTE: A no-host dinner at the Whitcomb Hotel, 1231 Market St., (near the library) will precede the meeting. Everyone welcome. Moderate prices. Six p.m.

OBSERVATIONS—Five Western Evening Grosbeaks, two males, three females in our backyard feeding on locust seeds, January 8, 1958—HARRY C. ADAMSON, *Lafayette*.

DISPLAY THE AUDUBON EMBLEM—All Audubon members are urged to obtain from National Audubon outlets, the attractive arm bands and blue window stickers both with the showy flying egret. Use of these emblems will greatly assist mutual recognition of members and members' cars on field trips. California Audubonites should be aware, however, that the Motor Vehicle Code prohibits any stickers on the rear windows of vehicles but permits them to be placed on the lower, right-hand corner of windshields or on side windows to the rear of driver if placed so as not to interfere with his vision to side or rear. However, the cloth patches may be worn on the sleeve or on any other suitable area of clothing without fear of legal penalty!

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the Golden Gate Audubon Society: from Alameda, Mr. Henry W. Turk; from Angwin, Mr. O. C. Durham; from Berkeley, Miss Grace C. Steinbeck, Mrs. Lily Zingarelli, Mr. Edward Ormondroyd, Miss Rosalin Stuart, Miss Rachel E. Wright; from Oakland, Mr. Herman Blau, Miss Phyllis E. Anderson, Mrs. Ella P. Simens, Miss Marion C. Murdoch and Mrs. William J. Freeling; from San Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Little and Miss Esther S. Hollenbeck; from St. Paul, Minnesota, Mr. W. M. Cummings.

—JEAN L. DUNHAM, M.D., *Membership Chairman*.

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FIELD TRIPS FOR FEBRUARY

On Sunday, February 9, to RITCHIE RANCH AREA, NEAR LODI. Meet at 9:30 A.M., in the town of Thornton which is reached by turning south from Walnut Grove on the Sacramento River Road, Route 24. Distance to Thornton about 80 miles. Allow 2½ hours driving. Warm clothing recommended as valley is cooler than bay area at this season. Good views of cranes, geese, swans and many other species of both land and water birds were had last year. Leader, Phil Smith, LO 9-9451.

On Saturday, February 22, to SAN FRANCISCO ZOO AND BEACH. Meet at north entrance to Fleishhacker Zoo, on Sloat Blvd., at 9:15 A.M. Also, a circuit of Lake Merced may be made to see a variety of waterbirds, Marsh Wren and, probably, Townsend's Warbler and Allen's Hummingbird which are common here at this season. Leader, Charles Hines, OV 1-0935.

HAROLD G. PETERSON, *Field Trips Chairman*

SPRING GARDEN TOUR

The Board of Directors of the Golden Gate Audubon Society has decided to sponsor a Spring Garden Tour to be held in mid-May, 1958, as a new means of fund-raising for its Sanctuary Fund. The time and place and outlet for tickets will be announced later. Mrs. Suzanne Johnson, Phone OLYmpic 5-5182, will be chairman for this event. All members are urged to begin telling their friends and neighbors about this big new event on our calendar.

PAUL F. COVEL, *President*

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